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To the Montgomery County Council,

Thank you for holding a hearing on the Corridor Forward: I-270 Transit Plan. As an I-270 Corridor resident I can tell you the plan is fatally flawed. I appreciated the effort of the Planning Board to create a comprehensive transit plan for the I-270 Corridor. This is long overdue. The stated goals of the plan are correct. However, it is the resulting recommendation that is flawed.

The state's MARC Expansion Plan and all-day two-way service must be the plan's top priority to effect real change in the I-270 Corridor!

Bus Rapid Transit as proposed is wonderful for movement within Montgomery County. The changes to the Corridor Cities Transitway, with a few tweaks, is an improvement. This definitely needs to remain in Corridor Forward, BUT as a priority below MARC Expansion.

MARC Expansion is the only real near future doable transit project that can take traffic off of I-270 BEFORE it gets to Montgomery County. Reducing the number of cars on the road is what will move the Corridor Forward. That is why the MARC Expansion Plan must be included in Corridor Forward as the highest priority!

Sincerely,
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